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A special welcome

Sumpter Fest marks 31st year of community spirit in township

This year will mark the 31st year for the Sumpter Parks and Recreation Sumpter Fest.

The five-day event will take place Memorial Day weekend, May 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 at the Sumpter Fairgrounds, located at Sumpter and Dunn roads.

Chairman of the event Kim Toms said that attractions this year will include the traditional attractions which have been bringing crowds to the event for more than three decades.

As always, in addition to all the entertainment, there will be several food vendors on hand every day, he said, along with the popular cutest baby contest, silent auctions, a craft market and a car show.

"As chairman of the Sumpter Country Festival, and on behalf of the Sumpter

Parks and Recreation Commission, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2016 Annual Sumpter Country Fest. We have many dedicated volunteers, who have put in countless hours to bring an affordable and fun family event to the community. Through the support of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees and township departments, citizens and sponsors, we've put together an exciting line-up of events this year," Toms said.

Toms promised there would be something for everyone at the event which annually draws an estimated 10,000 people.

Days and times of events can be found on the full schedule of events on page 9.

"Our theme this year is 'American Heroes' which pays tribute to our heroes

in uniform: Military, Police, and Firefighters.

"Some of our activities will include the Schmidt's Amusements Carnival, fireworks, U.S.A. Demolition Derby, pony pulls, children's entertainment, tribute artists, bands, beer tent, pony rides and bingo," he said.

"I would like to thank the community and sponsors for their continued support and encouragement. Many thanks also to the wonderful volunteers who have donated so much of their time.

"Come and join us in the fun," Toms concluded.



Kim Toms



Welcome to Sumpter

On behalf of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees and all of its employees, volunteers and certainly all of its citizens, we welcome you to the annual Sumpter Country Fest. This year, the festivities begin Friday, May 27 and last through Monday May 30. Please join us as friends and neighbors gather for fun and entertainment as we celebrate the great place on earth to live, Sumpter Township.

John W. Morgan
Supervisor Sumpter Township

Honored citizen

Sumpter Fest chooses 100-year-old Walter Krakowiak for festival tribute

When Walter Krakowiak celebrated his 100th birthday in January, he was surprised by a party at the Sumpter Senior Center hosted by his fellow senior members.

He had no idea that was just the beginning of the celebrations of his longevity.

This year, the Sumpter Country Fest Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission also selected Krakowiak as the Honored Citizen for 2016. Each year, the committee members attempt to find the oldest member of the community to honor during the event and parade.

Krakowiak has lived in Sumpter Township for 95 of his 100 years, he and his family said in a prepared statement, and he is proud of his community heritage.

His parents purchased a farm on Sherwood Road in 1918 where his family, including his two sisters and three brothers, all lived.

He only moved from the family farm when he married his wife, Florence Soja, in 1940. The newlyweds purchased a home in Dearborn, but in 1942, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served for 32 months in the Pacific Islands. When he returned from his military service, he and his wife and their two daughters returned to Sumpter and lived in a home on Rawsonville Road.

He began building his present home on Willis Road in 1955 and has lived there to this day. His family now includes eight grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Krakowiak, a member of the PLAV and VFW, enjoys gardening and sharing the produce and flowers he raises with friends, neighbors and family members. He and his wife began a bed of gladiolus while they lived on Rawsonville Road and often went to Eastern Market in Detroit to sell their flowers.

To this day, he said, he plants a few bulbs for cutting of the tall, regal stalks of gladiolus blooms. He has also had



Walter Krakowiak

many vegetable gardens at his Willis Road home where, since his retirement from Ford Motor Co. in 1977 after 30 years of employment, he also enjoys hobbies like fishing, coin collecting and woodworking. He especially enjoyed cypress clock making and cabinetry, he said.

He and his wife also traveled extensively after his retirement including winters in Florida in their motor home.

Krakowiak has been a member of the Sumpter Senior Center for many years and said he enjoys riding the bus and having lunch with the other members. He said he was surprised and grateful for the party the seniors group hosted for him this year.

"The girls worked very hard planning the party and did a wonderful job for me," he said.

"I wish to thank the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission for selecting me as the Honored Citizen of the 2016 Sumpter Country Fest Parade this year," he concluded.



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Meet the Grand Marshal

Festival volunteer honored for his community efforts

When it came time to choose the Grand Marshal of the Sumpter Fest this year, members of the festival committee and Parks and Recreation Commission agreed immediately on their choice.

They overwhelmingly voted to honor Dave Seegert, the division manager for Republic Services/Carleton Farms Landfill and Sauk Trail Hills Landfill.

Seegert has been helping the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission in preparing the arena at the Sumpter Township Fair Grounds for the Sumpter Country Fest and is always willing to lend a helping hand. He helps prepare for the planned Demolition Derby set for Sunday and Monday and also prepares the arena for the Don Rochon Memorial Car Show and Swap Meet that takes place annually in September, along with another Demolition Derby.

Members of the committee agreed unanimously that this was an opportunity to thank Seegert for his help and show their appreciation.

Seegert has more than 29 years of professional experience in the waste disposal industry. He began his career in 1986 as a paper picker at the Adrian Landfill in Adrian and came to Carleton Farms Landfill in 1993 as an equipment operator. His responsibilities continuously increased during his career and he was steadily promoted to Lead Operator, Operations Manager and his most recent role as Division Manager.

Today, Seegert is responsible for the management of approximately 50 employees that support the daily operations of the Republic Wayne County-based landfills.

Seegert was born and raised in Michigan. He grew up in Deerfield



Grand Marshal Dave Seegert

and recently became a resident of Clinton. Seegert said he likes to spend his off-work hours with his wife of 20 years, Debbie, at their cabin in the northern Michigan town of Harrison.

Good Neighbors

Carleton Farms/Republic Services sponsor Sumpter Festival fireworks

The Carleton Farms Landfill in Sumpter Township, owned and operated by Republic Waste Services once again this sponsored the fireworks display at the Sumpter Country Fest.

Carleton Farms, which began with a 4.0 megawatt landfill gas-to-energy plant in July of 1998 now produces 6.4 megawatts of electrical power at the farm. The electrical power generated at the plant is transported 1.5 miles at tied into the Detroit Edison distribution grid and provides sufficient electricity to power more than 7,000 homes and businesses in the greater Detroit Metropolitan area. The facility will eventually expand to product 12 megawatts of power and will become the largest internal combustion landfill gas plant in Michigan.

The 640-acre landfill first opened in Sumpter



Carleton Farms Landfill

Township in 1993. The landfill includes more than 90 collection wells in place delivering more than 3.4 cubic feet of landfill gas each day.

Carleton Farms is located at 28800 Clark Road in New Boston.

Republic Services offices are located on Van Born Road in Wayne. For more information about the commercial and residential hauling and collection services, call (734) 641-3555.

Join the parade

Annual march of floats, exhibits, bands, attracts crowds every year

Dear Friends and Community Members,

On behalf of the Sumpter Country Fest Committee and the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission, we extend to you an invitation to come out and see the Sumpter Country Fest Parade on Saturday, May 28, sponsored by Joe Nassar, Little Town Liquor and Deli and Sumpter Pharmacy.

Our theme for the parade this year is : "American Heroes"

This year, the parade will start off at noon from the corner of Judd and Sumpter roads then travel south down Sumpter Road to Dunn Road and end at the festival grounds.

Trophies will be awarded at the pavilion at approximately 1:15 p.m. after the parade ends. A special theme entry "American Heroes" will be awarded for best dressed or decorated entry in the parade along with each individual category.

We hope that you will join us.

*Drusilla Allen, Parade Chairman
Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission*



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**JOHN W. MORGAN-SUPERVISOR
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**ESTHER HURST-CLERK
ELECT**

**ALAN D. BATES-TREASURER
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Paid for by the committee to elect Alan D. Bates

Pulling their weight Mini Horse pull joins festival events this year

A new event this year at the Sumpter Country Fest has plenty of horsepower behind it. Real horsepower.

The Michigan Mini Horse Pulling Association will present a Horse Pulling event on at 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

The horses, which are divided into two classifications, 34-inch or 38-inch minis, work in teams during the event. The teams pull a sled or stone boat a total distance of 9 feet. Boundaries on each side of the lane keep the pull within a 12-foot boundary and the team cannot step over the boundary rope or is considered an attempt at the pull. Each team is allowed three attempts on each of three trials for each load.

If the team does not pull the sled the



full 9-feet, it is disqualified and eliminated from competition. The team of horses that pulls the most weight the farthest distance is the class winner in this elimination competition.

The Michigan Mini Horse Pulling Association began in 2014 and is a sport in which generations of family members participate.

The Mini Horses have been pulling in Oklahoma, Iowa, Missouri and



Kansas for approximately 10 years. In the past five years, Mini Horse pulling has become popular in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan.



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Senior services

Programs offered at Center

The Sumpter Senior Center provides multiple services and activities for township senior citizens. Among the many services provided is transportation to the center, where seniors can enjoy socialization, recreation and educational programs.

Lunch is served at the center Monday through Friday for a nominal donation of \$3 and those who may need transportation can call (734) 461-9373 to arrange a ride to the center. Home-delivered nutrition and TEFAP are also available to qualifying individuals through the Sumpter Senior Center.

Transportation is also available at no cost to local shopping centers for members and to and from the Senior Center for the nutrition program and



Sumpter Senior Center members proudly represented the community at the Senior Olympics.

even other activities such as low cost trips.

The center offers exercise equipment and a computer lab, along with Arthritis Foundation exercise classes

and a sewing room.

Annual membership is \$8 for Sumpter Township residents and \$9 for seniors who live outside the township.



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Sumpter Country Festival

Sunday, May 29th at 5:30 p.m.

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Monday, May 30th at 6:00 p.m.

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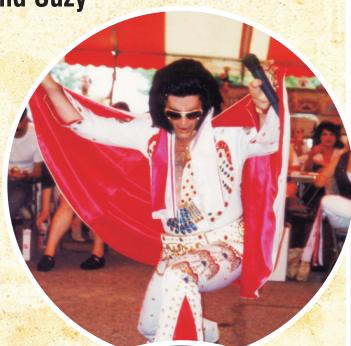
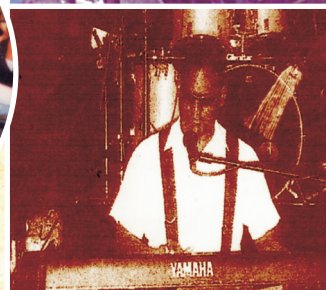
MAY 27 - 30

Township Festival Grounds
23501 Sumpter Road. Belleville MI 48111
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IMPERSONATORS / TRIBUTE ARTISTS

SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY MAY 28 • 2 p.m. - Midnight

- 2 p.m. - Midnight Program emceed by Jimmie James (James Naumoff)
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- 2 - 2:45 p.m. LORETTA LYNN / REBA McENTIRE – Bernie Walters
- 3 - 3:45 p.m. JOHN DENVER / BOBBY VINTON – Jim Walters
- 4 - 4:45 p.m. BARBRA STREISAND / CONNIE FRANCIS – Sheryl Moutard
- 5 - 5:45 p.m. THE BLUES BROTHERS – Russ & Jake
- 6 - 6:45 p.m. RAY CHARLES / CHARLIE PRIDE – Tyrone Hamilton
- 7 - 7:45 p.m. THE WHATABOUTS – Kelly, Deb and Suzy
- 8 - 8:45 p.m. ELVIS – Sherman Arnold
- 9 - 9:45 p.m. PATSY KLINE – Kathy Bressler
- 10 - 10:45 p.m. WILLIE NELSON – Jeff Carr
- 11 - 11:45 p.m. JERRY LEE LEWIS – Don Grant





SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, May 26

Carnival Opens

5 p.m. - Close

Friday, May 27

Festival Opens at 5 p.m. - Closes at Midnight

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

5 p.m. - Close

Live Music - Denise Davis

and the Motor City Sensations Band

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Baby Contest

5 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Bingo

5 p.m. - Close

Silent Auction

5 p.m. - Close

Live Music - Glass House - Classic Rock

8 p.m. - Close



Saturday, May 28

Festival Opens at Noon - Closes at Midnight

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

Noon - Close

Parade (From Sumpter Road & Judd Road to Dunn Road)
To be announced by Randy Brown

Noon

Parade Presentations

1:30 p.m.

Michigan Mini Horse Pulling

1:30 p.m.

Baby Contest

Noon - 9 p.m.

Bingo

Noon - Close

Silent Auction

2 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Tribute To The Legends (Impersonators)

2 p.m. - Close





SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, May 29

Festival Opens at Noon - Closes at Midnight

Car Show (10 a.m. Registration)

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

DJ Music/Karaoke

Baby Contest

Bingo

Silent Auction

Live Music - Tall Cool One

Robert Plant/Led Zeppelin Tribute Band

DJ Music/Karaoke

Truck Demolition Derby (Arena)

Live Music - TJ Thomas

and the Kentucky Strait Band

Fire Works - DJ

Noon - 4 p.m.

Noon - Close

Noon - 3 p.m.

Noon - 9 p.m.

Noon - Midnight

Noon - 10 p.m.

3 - 5 p.m.

5 - 7 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

7 p.m. - Close

Dusk



Monday, May 30

Festival Opens at Noon- Closes at 10 p.m

Carnival Opens/Beer Tent

Live Music - Two Timin' Band - Country

Baby Contest

Bingo

Baby Contest Awards

& Raffle Winners Announced

Silent Auction Final Bid

Silent Auction Items Picked Up

Auto-Cross/Demolition Derby (Arena)

(Adults \$12/Children 12 and under \$4)

Live Music - Steelin' Time

Noon - Close

2 - 5 p.m.

Noon - 1:30 p.m

Noon - Close

5 - 5:30 p.m.

5 p.m.

6 - 8 p.m.

6 p.m.

6 p.m. - Close



Baby Contest - Friday, May 27 through Monday, May 30
(Ends at 1:30 p.m. Winners announced at 5 p.m.)

Silent Auction - Friday, May 27 through Monday, May 30
(Last bid 5 p.m., pick-up items 6-8 p.m.)

Crafters and Vendors - All day Friday, May 27 through Monday, May 30
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Annual car show welcomes all types of vehicles to display this year

If it has wheels, there may be a place for it at the Sumpter Country Fest Car Show this year.

The annual display will take place from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. May 29 at Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road in Belleville.

The entry fee this year is \$10 per vehicle and the first 25 entrants will receive a dashboard plaque. The People's Choice Award will be presented along with several

door prizes.

Registration for vehicles will take place from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Classifications this year include: 1) Muscle Car; 2) Antique; 3) Classic; 4) Street Rod; 5) Street Machine; 6) Sports Car; 7) Truck and 8) Motorcycle.

For more information, contact Margaret Rochon (734) 699-5275.

Rochon also organizes the September Don Rochon Memorial Car Show and Swap Meet.



Cuties

The annual baby contest will begin in the pavilion when the festival opens on May 27 and continue through 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 30. Chairperson Virginia Belinski, assisted by Alan Bates, will announce the winner at 5 p.m. that day. Sponsored again this year by John Hennessey of Hennessey Engineers, Inc. in Southgate, the contest photos will be on display in the pavilion during the festival so visitors can support their favorite baby or just enjoy viewing the entries this year.

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December 17, 2016
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Victory Park

Parks are part of township tradition

Graham Park

Graham Park in Sumpter Township is a part of the history of the community.

The park is named for and was dedicated to the memory of Roy Graham, the only Sumpter Township Police officer who lost his life while on duty. The park was originally dedicated to his memory Nov. 6, 1985.

The land for the park was first purchased by the township in November of 1971 under the direction of then Supervisor Elmer Parraghi. The Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission had only been in existence since June of 1970.

The township paid \$14,900 for the 10-acres of land on the northwest corner of Sumpter and Wear roads. Township officials named the first park in Sumpter Township Wear Road Park.

A rededication ceremony took place July 24 1993 and a memorial plaque was installed in the park. In 2006, a 20-year memorial ceremony took place attended by Ofc. Graham's family, friends, area police officers, township officials and a crowd of citizens.



Graham Park



Banotai Park

Banotai Park

Banotai Park has been an amenity of Sumpter Township since 1978.

Maintenance at the park began in earnest in 1990 when Supervisor Marvin L. Banotai assigned the work to the Parks and Recreation Commission and scheduled several community events in the park. Banotai enlisted the help of the Huron Valley Conservation Club to stock the lake and conduct fishing clinics.

The park was renamed in 2004 in memory of Mr. Banotai. In 2005, Supervisor Johnny Vawters and the board of trustees agreed to a five-year plan of the Parks and Recreation Commission for improvements at the park. In 2005, more than \$40,000 was spent in the park on improvements, maintenance and pavilions. Following those improvements, an official dedication ceremony took place naming the park for Supervisor Banotai and officially naming the body of water Sherwood Pond.

Since then, constant improvements have been made at the park, including wheelchair accessible rest rooms and two fountains.



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Members of the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission include, front row, Treasurer Drusilla Allen, Selena Swinson and Esther Hurst. In the second row are Chairman Kim Toms, Cheryl Toms, Virginia Belinski, Margaret Rochon, Anna Bellamy, Joanne Posegay, Jim Posegay and Don Swinson and in the back row are Jim Chudzinski and Alan Bates. Members not pictured are Co-chairman Holly Swinson, Richard Pokerwinski, Secretary Sharon Pokerwinski, Jay Bardell, Kevin Rochon, Becky LaPalme, Danny Jones and Mary Carter.

Commission members work all year on township events

The Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission is a 12-member volunteer group sponsored by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees. They volunteer their time to provide wholesome activities throughout the year for families within the township. The commission members work diligently during the year to ensure the success of all the events hosted by Sumpter Township. Each member takes the Mission Statement of the commission very seriously and every event is designed to adhere to those guiding principles.

“It is the mission and direction of the Parks & Recreation Commission to provide an environment that is appropriate for the recreational activities that occur within all of the public parks and facilities of Sumpter

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Township, to establish and set in place the rules and regulations that will ensure a safe and enjoyable recreational experience, to encourage the effective use of all the parks and recreational facilities within Sumpter Township, and to provide all citizens of

the Township programs that focus on enhancing the quality of life in Sumpter Township.”

Events organized by the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission include:

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Sumpter Country Fest

(Memorial Weekend - Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday)

Family Fun Day

(July)

Car Show & Demolition Derby

(September)

Turkey Shoot

(Sundays in October)

Children's Christmas Party

For more information about the commission or the events, contact Sumpter Township Hall, (734) 461-6201 or Chairman Kim Toms, (734) 697-3963.

Death claims long-time commission volunteer

Russell G. LaPalme

Born: April 17, 1964

Died: May 10, 2016

He will be missed.

A family man who loved and enjoyed his family, Russell LaPalme joined the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission in 2000. He was a member who did whatever he could do to make sure that every event Parks and Recreation organized would be memorable.

Russell, who died May 10, especially loved the annual Turkey Shoot every October. When it came to the Sumpter Country Fest which takes place Memorial Day weekend, he could be found throughout the fair grounds pitching in and doing any task needed, including preparing the arena for the Demolition Derby on Sunday.

He was also involved in the Don Rochon Memorial Car Show and Swap Meet which began 22 years ago. As Don Rochon's son-in-law, Russell made sure that everything was perfect because he knew that Don would not have it any other way. Russell could always be seen working at the many events hosted by the Parks and Recreation

Commission. He will be truly missed and always in the thoughts of the commission members when these events take place each year.

Russell is survived by his loving wife of 18 years, Rebecca Lynn (Rochon) LaPalme; four children, Ashlie (George) Hamel of Haslett, MI, Angel Hunt of Bunkerhill, MI and Raven and Emily LaPalme of Sumpter Township; two grandchildren, Isabella and Alexander Hamel; four brothers, Doug LaPalme of Taylor, Tim (Brenda) Fritz of Rochester, David (Jennifer) Fritz of Canton and Scott (Natalie) Fritz of AK; also numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Jerry and Jeffery Fritz, and a niece, Samantha Fritz.



Russell G. LaPalme

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Festival has long history in Sumpter Township

This weekend, more than 10,000 visitors are expected to attend the events at the Sumpter Township Country Festival.

That's a long way from the very first such celebration in 1975 when the event, called Sumpter Days, was celebrated for the first time under the direction of the late Adonna Demski. That year, it was a one-day event in Graham Park on Wear Road and it took only 10 volunteers to arrange all the festivities which included fireworks, crafts, a small parade, some honored citizens, a carnival and the Queen Contest. About 100 people attended the event that inaugural year.

The next year, however, during the celebration of the American Bicentennial, more than 2,000 folks attended the event which saw several floats added to the parade. In 1984 and

1985, as the event continued to attract crowds, Sumpter Days grew to a four-day event in Graham Park.

The theme of the event changed in 1986 when "country" became the theme of the festival and it became the Sumpter Country Fest. The festival was moved from the Graham Park location to the Sumpter Township Fair Grounds. In 1987 a championship Rodeo and Demolition Derby were added and the festival continued to grow in popularity every year.

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Sumpter Country Fest has added entertainment that draws crowds from the local community and attracts visitors from surrounding areas. Attendance figures have grown to approximately 10,000 annually.

The Country Fest is run exclusively by volunteer members of the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation Commission and the community. It is also a registered non-profit 501.3 © organization.

The Sumpter Parks and Recreation Commission and the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees members annually welcome visitors to the 2016 Sumpter Country Fest and said that they hope that everyone has an enjoyable time.

“Thank you for being here and celebrating our sense of community with us,” the trustees said.



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